

*Lady Charlotte.* There was a king of Crete, named Minos. The Athenians having killed his son, he declared war against them, obtained a victory, and condemned the Athenians to give him every nine years, seven boys and seven girls, to be devoured by the Minotaur. This Minotaur was a monster, half a man, and half a bull; and lived in a house which was called a Labyrinth. This house was built in such a manner, that no person, when they were once got in, could find their way out again without a guide, for it had a thousand turnings and windings. So the poor Athenians which were shut up there, if they could have escaped being devoured by the monster, would have died with hunger. The son of the king of Athens, whose name was Theseus, resolved to go into Crete with the young men that were sent there, in order to kill the Minotaur. When he was arrived in this country, the daughter of Minos, whose name was Ariadne, became enamoured

moured with him; and he would save his life, he would take her into his own country. Upon which Ariadne gave him a ball of thread, bidding him tie one end to the door of the Labyrinth, and the rest of it in his hand, as he went forward. He followed the thread, and met the Minotaur, and, guided by the faithful thread, he went back to the door, and was released. By this means the Athenians were freed from the oppressive tribute which Minos laid under, of sending so many young people to be devoured by the venous monster. Now, when Theseus returned to Athens, he was accompanied by Ariadne, but he soon left her, for that is the consequence of a young lady's falling in love with a man in such a manner. Ariadne was left on an island; where, while she was fast asleep,